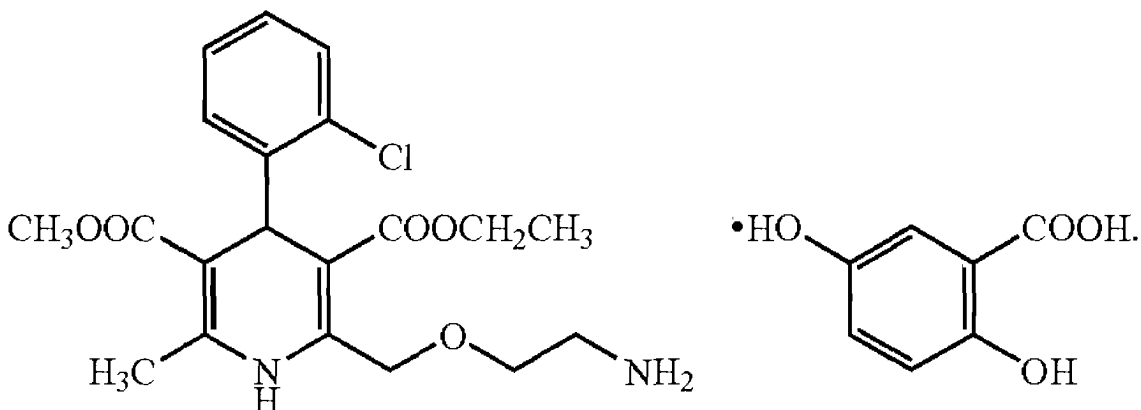


AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An (S)-(-)-amlodipine gentisate of the following formula 1



Claims 2-8 (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A ~~pharmaceutical composition comprising the for the treatment of cardiovascular diseases wherein~~ the amlodipine gentisate of the formula 1 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier ~~is used as an active ingredient.~~

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) ~~In claim 10, said~~ The composition of claim 9, wherein said pharmaceutical composition is prepared in the form of tablets, capsules or injections.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (New) A method of treating hypertension, which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of (S)-(-)-amlodipine gentisate of claim 1.

14. (New) A method of treating hypertension, which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of (S)-(-)-amlodipine gentisate of claim 9.